

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—You were aware of the Supreme Court judgement quashing the selection to the Indian Forest Services in Jammu and Kashmir State. When that is the position why are you creating such a situation here ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—The list was quashed on some technical grounds. We have yet to receive the copy of the judgement of the High Court.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—When there are more than 5 vacancies, why have you given extension to the older elements when there are younger elements available ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—The Government has decided to continue the services of the older elements since the list that was selected was quashed.

(ii) re : Hungerstrike by the workers of the Government Soap Factory, Bangalore.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar).—I call the attention of Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs to the hunger strike undertaken by the workers of the Government Soap Factory, Bangalore.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Hon. Members have given notice to call my attention to the hunger strike undertaken by the workers of the Government Soap Factory, Bangalore.

There are two Trade Unions in the Government Soap Factory :—The workers and staff Association and the Government Soap Factory Employees' Union. During 1967 the Workers and Staff Association of Government Soap Factory placed a charter of demands before the management of the Government Soap Factory. This charter of demands contained about eleven demands pertaining to revision of pay scales, production bonus, promotion, suspension wages, leave facilities, uniforms, etc. The Deputy Labour Commissioner took up these demands in conciliation and fixed up a conciliation meeting in November 1967. Meanwhile the conciliation officer received a representation from the Government Soap Factory Employees' Union, enclosing a copy of demands presented to the management of the Government Soap Factory. In this representation the Union claimed that it represents the majority of the employees. Since there had been no verification so far as to which Union enjoys the confidence of the workers and had membership of the majority of the workers and as the charter of demands submitted by the Employees' Union was more or less the same as submitted by the Workers and Staff Association, the conciliation Officer considered it necessary and desirable to make this Union also a party to the dispute.

During the conciliation proceedings, it was not possible to come to any agreement. The Conciliation proceedings therefore ended in a failure.

Even though the conciliation proceedings ended in failure, the management were carrying on negotiations with the workers for arriving

at some settlement in respect of all the outstanding demands. To enable the management to enter into some amicable settlement with the workers, the Government did not take a decision regarding reference of the dispute to adjudication.

The management of the Government Soap Factory informed the State Government on 18th August 1969 that they have signed a settlement on 16th August 1969 with the Government Soap Factory Employees' Union. This agreement is binding between the management and the workers who are members of this Union. On perusal of this agreement it is seen that the issues cover most of the demands raised by the Workers and Staff Association.

The Government is examining the desirability or otherwise of referring the pending dispute to adjudication in the light of the above agreement.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—It has been stated that there are two Associations. I want to know which of the Association is recognised.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I have made it clear that none of them is recognised.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬೋಳಾ ರಘುರಾಮ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ (ಕಾರ್ಕಳ).—ಇವೆರಡು ಯೂನಿಯನ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಯೂನಿಯನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಾರಿಷಿ ಇದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I cannot say which of the two unions commands majority. To the latter portion of the question I cannot give any answer.

Sri SIDDIAH KASHIMATH. - May I know to which of the political parties these two rival Unions are affiliated ?

* Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I am not aware of that.

Eleventh Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolution

(Presentation)

Sri D. MANJUNATH (Hiriyur).—I present the Eleventh Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—I beg to move :

“ That this Assembly agrees with the Eleventh Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolution.”

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

“ That this Assembly agrees with the Eleventh Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.”

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The report is adopted.